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THE REALIZATION OF ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND CULTURAL RIGHTS

Mr. Bengoa, Mrs. Ferriol Echevarria, Mr. Fix Zamudio,
Mrs. Forero Ucros and Mrs. Warzazi: draft resolution

Human rights and extreme poverty

The Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities,

Recalling Commission on Human Rights resolutions 1992/11 of 21 February 1992 and 1993/13 of 26 February 1993 and its own resolution 1992/27 of 27 August 1992 concerning the execution by the Sub-Commission of a study on human rights and extreme poverty and the appointment of Mr. Leandro Despouy as Special Rapporteur on that question,

Recalling its resolution 1993/35 of 25 August 1993, in which it took note with appreciation of the preliminary report of the Special Rapporteur (E/CN.4/Sub.2/1993/16),

Noting Commission on Human Rights resolution 1994/12 of 25 February 1994, in which the Commission approved the recommendations of the Special Rapporteur relating to the organization of a seminar on extreme poverty and the denial of human rights at a time close to the International Day for the Eradication of

Poverty, instituted on 17 October of each year by the General Assembly in its resolution 47/196 of 22 December 1992, and endorsed Sub-Commission resolution 1993/35 taking note of the preliminary report of the Special Rapporteur,

1. Takes note with appreciation of the interim report on human rights and extreme poverty (E/CN.4/Sub.2/1994/19) submitted by the Special Rapporteur, Mr. Leandro Despouy;

2. Welcomes the approach proposed by the Special Rapporteur in his report;

3. Approves the proposals of the Special Rapporteur concerning the holding of a seminar on the topic "Extreme poverty and the denial of human rights" approved by the Commission and scheduled for 12-14 October 1994 in New York, and in particular the proposals intended to encourage participation and statements by persons living in extreme poverty and persons working alongside them in a genuine partnership, thereby responding paragraphs I.14 and I.25 of the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action adopted by the World Conference on Human Rights on 25 June 1993 (A/CONF.157/23);

4. Requests the Special Rapporteur to submit, at its forty-seventh session, a second interim report on the topic of human rights and extreme poverty taking account of the comments made, particularly by the members of the Sub-Commission, during consideration of his first interim report, and the results of the seminar on the topic "Extreme poverty and the denial of human rights", and including the initial results of his consultation with persons living in extreme poverty and persons working alongside them;

5. Considers that it would be useful for the Special Rapporteur to submit the results of the seminar to the Commission on Human Rights at its fifty-first session and to the World Summit for Social Development to be held on 11 and 12 March in Copenhagen;

6. Expresses the wish that the consultation undertaken by the Special Rapporteur should be continued, and invites Governments, intergovernmental organizations, specialized agencies and non-governmental organizations that have not yet done so to answer the questionnaire prepared by him;

7. Requests the Special Rapporteur to submit to it, at its forty-eighth session, a final report focusing on the results of his consultation with persons living in extreme poverty and persons working alongside them, and taking account of the conclusions and relevant data emerging from the World Summit for Social Development in March 1995 and the Fourth World Conference on Women to be held in Beijing in 1995, and of the activities to be undertaken in

1996, which has been proclaimed by the General Assembly International Year for the Eradication of Poverty in resolution 48/183 of 21 December 1993;

8. Requests the Secretary-General to make available to the Special Rapporteur the human and material resources necessary for the fulfilment of his mandate, in particular for the holding of the seminar on the topic "Extreme poverty and the denial of human rights";

9. Recommends the following draft resolution to the Commission on Human Rights for adoption:

"The Commission on Human Rights,

Endorsing resolution 1994/.. of the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities dated .. August 1994;

Having taken note of the results [of the work] of the seminar on the topic 'Extreme poverty and the denial of human rights' organized by the Special Rapporteur;

Recommends the following draft resolution to the Economic and Social Council for adoption:

'The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling Commission on Human Rights resolution 1995/.. dated ... 1995 and resolution 1994/.. of the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities dated .. August 1994,

1. Takes note of the proposals of the Special Rapporteur on the study of the question of human rights and extreme poverty;

2. Requests the Secretary-General to make available to the Special Rapporteur the human and material resources necessary for the fulfilment of his mandate'."